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THE
City of London's
P L E A
TO THE
Quo Warranto,
(An Information) brought against their
C H A R T E R
In *Michaelmas* Term, 1681.

WHEREIN

It will Appear, That the Liberties, Priviledges, and Customs of the said City cannot be Forfeited, or Lost by the Misdemeanor of any Officer or Magistrate thereof. Nor their C H A R T E R be Seized into the King's Hands for any Mis-usage or Abuse of their Liberties and Priviledges, they being Confirmed by divers Ancient Records and Acts of Parliament made before and since *MAGNA CHARTA*.

ALSO,

How far the Commons of the said City have Power of Chusing and Removing their S H E R I F F S.

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Quo Warranto

CHARTER

In Witness Whereof

It will appear, that the Liberties, Privileges,
and Customs of the said City cannot be
touch'd or take by the Misdemeanor of
any Officer or Magistrate thereof. Nor
their CHARTER be seized into the
King's Hands for any Offence or Abuse
of their Liberties and Privileges,
they being Granted by divers Antient
Records and Acts of Parliament made be-
fore and since MARY A CHARTER

Now for the Commons of the said City have Taken
Choosing and Removing their SHERIFFS

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Car. Secund. Reg.

Lond. ff. **M**emorandum quod Robertus Sawyer Miles, Attorn. Dom. Regis nunc Generalis, qui pro eodem Dom. Rege in hac parte sequitur, in propria persona sua ven. hic in Cur. dict. Dom. Regis coram ipso Rege apud Westm. die Lunæ prox. post quinden' S. Martini isto eodem term', & pro eodem Dom. Rege dat. Cur. hic Intelligi & Informari, quod Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat. Lond. præd. per spacium unius Mensis jam ult. elaps. & amplius usi fuerunt & adhuc utuntur, ac clamant habere & uti absque aliquo Warranto sive Regali Concessione infra Civitat. Lond. præd. & Libertat. & Præcinct. ejusdem Civitat. diversis Libertat. Privileg. & Franchises sequen. videl. Fore de seipsis unum Corpus Corporat. & Politicum in nomine Majoris & Civitat. ac Civium Civitat. London ac per idem nomen placitare & implacitari, respondere & responderi, ac etiam habere Vicecomit. Civitat. & Comit. Civitat. Lond. & nominare & eligere ex seipsis duas personas fore Vicecomit. Civitat. præd. & Com. ejusdem Civitat. Ac ill. sic nominat. & elect. præficere & constituere Vic. Civit. præd. & Com. ejusdem Civitat. ad Execution. & Return. omnium Brevium, Billarum, & Præceptorum Dom. Regis pro Administratione & Executione Justic. infra Civit. præd. & Com. ejusdem Civit. exequend. faciend. ac ad faciend. & exequend. omnia & singula al. infra Civit. præd. & Com. ejusdem Civit. que ad Officium Vic. faciend. pertinent. Ac etiam habere Vic. Com. Middlesex, & nomi-

In English thus:

The Information in Michaelmas-Term, in the Thirty Third Year of Car. II. King of England, &c.

Lond. ff. **M**emorand' That Robert Sawyer Knight, our Lord the Kings Attorney General, who on this behalf prosecutes for our said Lord the King, appears here in his own person in the Court of our said Lord the King, before the King himself at Westminster on Munday next after the Quindene of St. Martin (viz. Nov. 27.) in the same Term; and for our said Lord the King, gives this Court to understand and be informed, That the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London aforesaid, for the space of one month last past, and longer, have used; and do yet use, and claim to have and use (without any Warrant or Royal Grant) within the City of London aforesaid, and the Liberties and Precincts of the said City, divers Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchises following, to wit, To be of themselves one Body Corporate and Politick, in the Name of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, and by the same Name to implead and be impleaded, to answer and be answered; And also to have a Sheriff of the City and County of the City of London, and to Nominate and Elect out of themselves two persons, One to be the Sheriff of the City aforesaid; and of the County of the same City, and him so nominated and elected to prefer and constitute Sheriff of the City aforesaid and of the County of the said City, for the Execution and Return of all Breve's, Bills, and Precepts of our Lord the King, for the administration and execution of the Justice within the City

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aforesaid, and County of the same City, to be executed and done, and to do and execute all and every the other things within the City aforesaid, and County of the same, that belong to the Office of a Sheriff: And also to Nominate, Elect and Constitute Another person out of themselves for the Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex*, for the said County to serve as Sheriff for the same, and to execute there and make return of all Breve's, Bills and Precepts of our Lord the King within the County of *Middlesex* aforesaid, for the administration and execution of Justice, without any Commission or Letters Patents obtained or to be obtained from our Lord the King on that behalf: And also, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City, have been Justices of our Lord the King to keep the Peace within the said City, and to hold Sessions of the Peace and Pleas of the Crown within the said City, and all the Felonies, Riots and unlawful Conventions within the said City, to enquire into, hear and determine by their own proper authority, without any Commission or other Authority from our Lord the King granted or obtained on that behalf. All and every of which Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchises, the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforesaid, for all the said time, have usurped, and do still usurp over our said Lord the King, to the contempt of our said Lord the King, and to the great damage and prejudice of his Prerogative Royal. Whereupon the said Attorney-General of our Lord the King, doth desire for our said Lord the King the Advice of this Court in the premises, and due course of Law to be made against the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforesaid on this behalf, to answer our said Lord the King, By what Warrant they claim to have, use and enjoy the Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchises aforesaid, &c.

nare, eligere & constituere ex seipsis Vic. Com. Middlesex, pro eodem Com. ut Vicecomes inde deservitur. ac omnia Brevia, Billas, & præcepta Dom. Regis infra Com. Middlesex præd. pro Administratione & Executione Justic. ibid. exequend. & retorn. inde faciend. absque aliqua Commissione sive aliquibus Literis Patentibus à Dom. Rege inde obtent. sive obtinend. Ac etiam quod Major & Aldermanni ejusdem Civit. fuerunt Justic. Dom. Regis ad pacem infra Civit. præd. conservand. ac ad Sessiones pacis & placita Coronæ infra eandem Civit. tenend. ac ad omnes Felon. Riot. & Conventic. illicit. infra Civit. præd. inquirend. audiend. & terminand. Autoritate ipsorum propria, absque aliqua Commissione, sive al. Autoritate à Dom. Rege in ea parte concess. sive obtent. De quibus quidem omnibus & singulis Libertat. Privileg. & Franchis. iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit. London præd. per totum tempus supra dictum, supra dictum Dom. Regem nunc usurpaverunt & adhuc usurpant, in dict. Dom. Regis nunc Contempt. Prærogativæ suæ Regiæ grave dampnum & præjudicium. Unde idem Attornat. dict. Dom. Regis nunc General. pro eodem Dom. Rege pet. Advissament. Cur. hic in præmiss. & debet. Legis Proces. versus Præfat. Major. & Communitat. ac Cives Civit. Lond. præd. in hac parte fieri ad respondend. dict. Dom. Regi Quo Warranto clamant habere, uti & gaudere Libertat. Privileg. & Franchis. supra dict. &c.

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Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit' London, ad Sectam Dom' Regis.

The Mayor Commonalty and Citizens of London at the Suit of the King.

ET predicti Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitatis London per Benedictum Brown Attornat' suu' ven' & habito auditu Information' predict' querunt se Colore ejusdem Informationis gravit' fore vexat' & inquietat' & hoc minus juste quia protestando quod Informatio predict' materiaq; in eadem content' min' suffic' in Lege exist' ad qua' quidem Informat' ipsi necesse non habent nec per Legem Terre tenet' aliquo modo respondere pro Placito tamen quoad libertat' Privileg' & Franchiz' sequen' (viz.) ipsos Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit' London fore de seipsis unu' corpus Corporat' & Politic' in re facto & nomine per Nomen Majoris & Communitat' ac Civiu' Civitat' London, ac per idem Nomen placitare & implacitare respondere ac responderi in Informat' prædict' superius specificat' iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit' London dicunt quod dict' Domin' Rex nunc ipsos occasione inde impetere seu occasionare non debet quia dicunt quod prædict' Civit' London est & a tempore cujus contrar' memoria' homin' non exist' fuit antiqua Civitas Quodq; Cives ejusdem Civit' sunt & à prædict' tempore cujus contra memor' homin' non

And the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, by Bendi't Brown their Attorney, came and had Hearing of the Information aforesaid, by colour of which Information they are Prosecuted and may be hereafter burthened vexed and disquieted, and that unjustly, because by Protestation that in the said Information there is nothing contain'd material or sufficient in the Law, to which Information they have no necessity, nor by the Law of the Land they ought to be held in any manner to Answer nevertheless for Plea; for as much as the Liberties, Priviledges and Franchizes following, viz. They the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London to be of themselves one Body Corporate and Politick in matter fact and name, by the Name of Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, and by that Name to Plead and be Impleaded, to Answer, and be Answered in the Information above specified, the said Mayor Comonalty and Citizens of the City of London say, That our said Sovereign Lord the King that now is, ought not by occasion thereof to Impeach or undoe them, because he saith; That the said City of London is, and from which time beyond the memory of Man was an Ancient City; and that the Citizens of the said City are, and from that time out of

mind were one Body Corporate and Politick in Matter, Fact, and Name, by the name of Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, and by that Name during that time have Pleaded, and were Impleaded; have Answered, and were Answered, and to Plead and be Impleaded, to Answer and be Answered, and during the time aforesaid have been used and accustomed. And that in the Great Charter of the Liberties of England in the Parliament of our Sovereign Lord Henry the Third sometime King of England, at Westminster in the County of Middlesex, in the Ninth Year of his Reign, held, made and provided it is contained, That the Citizens of London should have all their ancient Liberties and Customs; And the said Mayor and Commonalty & Citizens of the City of London further say, That the Lord Edward the Third sometimes King of England, in his Parliament at Westminster in the County of Middlesex, in the First Year of his Reign held, by which his Charter, with the consent of the Prelates, Earls Barons and the whole Commonalty of his Realm in his said Parliament at Westminster aforesaid were Assembled. And by the Authority of the said Parliament was then Confirmed to the Citizens of the City of London aforesaid, the Liberties following (amongst other things) to hold to themselves and their Successors for Ever, first of all in reciting: That whereas in the Great Charter of the Liberties of England it is contained, That the City of London should have all their ancient Liberties and Customs; And that the said Citizens, at the time of making the said Charter, and in the times of King Edward the Confessor, and of William the Conquerour and other Progenitors of the said King Edward in di-

exist' fuerunt un' corpus corporat' & Politic' in re facto & nomine per nomen Majoris & Communitat' ac Civium Civit' London ac per idem nomen per tot' tempus illud placita-ver' & implacitat' fuerunt responder' & respons' fuerunt, & placitare & implacitari, respondere ac responderi ac toto tempore supradicto usi fuerunt & consuever' Quodq; in Magna Charta de libertat' Angl' in Parliament' Domin' Henrici quondam Regis Angl' tertii apud Westm' in Comit' Midd' Anno Regni sui nono tenet' edit' & provis' continet' quod Civitas London habeat omnes libertat' suas antiquas & consuetud' suas & iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit' London ulterius dicunt quod Domin' Edwardus quondam Rex Angl' tertius in Parlamento suo apud Westm' in Comit' Midd' Anno Regni sui primo tenet' per quendam Cartam suam de consensu Prælator' Comit' Baron' ac totius Communitat' Regni sui in eodem Parliament' suo apud Westm' prædict' convocat' existens ac Authoritat' ejusdem Parliament' confirmavit tunc Civibus Civit' London prædict' libertat' subsequen' (int' alia) habend' sibi & successoribus suis in perpetuum, imprimis recitando: quod cu' in Magna Charta de libertat' Angl' contineat' quod Civit' London habeat omn' libertat' suas antiquas & consuetud' suas; Et quod iidem Cives tempore confection' dictæ Cartæ ac temporibus Sancti Edwardi Regis & Confessoris & Willielmi Conquestoris & al' Progenitor' dict' Regis Edwardi in divers' libertat'

Et consuetud' tam per Cartas ipsor' Progenitor' suor' quam sue Cartis ex antiqua consuetud' habuissent, voluit Et concessit idem Rex Edwardus tertius pro se Et Hæredibus suis per Cartam illam auctoritat' prædict' quod iidem Cives habuerint libertat' suas secund' form' Magn' Cartæ supradict' Et quod pro aliqua personali transgr' vel Iudicio personal' alicujus Ministri ejusdem Civit' non caperet' libertat' Civit' ill' in manus ejusdem Regis Edwardi tertii vel Hæred' suor' sed hujusmodi Minister prout qualitas transgress' requireret puniret' prout per eandem Cartam geren' dat' apud Westm' prædict' sexto die Martii, Anno Regni dict' Regis Edwardi tertii primo supradict' sub magno sigillo suo Angl' sigillat' hic in Cur' prælat' inter alia plenius apparet Et iidem Major Et Communitas ac Cives Civit' London' ulterius dicunt quod ad instant' Et requisit' Communitat' Regni Angl' in Parlamento Domin' Ricardi nuper Regis Angl' secundo post Conquest' apud Westm' prædict' Anno Regni sui septimo tent' assemblat' pro majore quiete Et pace int' ligcos ejusdem nuper Regis faciend' Et pro bono publico omnes Consuetud' libertat' Privileg' Et franch' Civit' prædict' tunc Civibus Civit' illius Et eor' successor' licet usi non fuerint vel abusi fuerint eisdem Authorit' ejusdem Parliament' ratificat' Et confirmat' fuer' Quodq; Domin' Henricus nuper Rex Angl' sextus per litteras suas patent' sub magno sigillo suo Angl' sigillat' geren' dat' apud Westm' præ-

verse Liberties and Customs have had not only by the Charters of their Progenitors, but also of other Charters of ancient custom, the said King Edward the Third did give and grant for himself and his Heirs by those Charters, by the Authority aforesaid, that the said Citizens shall have their Liberties according to the form of the Great Charter aforesaid; And that for any personal Transgression or personal Judgment of any Officer of the said City, the Liberty of that City shall not be taken into the hands of King Edward the Third or his Successors, but such Officer for such Offence shall be required and punished, as by the said Charter, bearing date at Westminster aforesaid, the sixth day of March, in the first Year of the Reign of the said King Edward the First under his Great Seal of England, brought here in Court, among other things more fully doth appear. And the said Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London further say, That at the instance (and at the request of the Commonalty of the Realm of England) in the Parliament of our said Lord Richard the Second, late King of England, after the Conquest, at Westminster aforesaid, in the seventh Year of his Reign, held and assembled for the greater quiet and peace among the Subjects of the late King, and for the publick good, all Customs, Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchises of the said City then to the Citizens of that City and their Successors, although they have not been used or abused, have been ratified and confirmed by the Authority of the said Parliament. And that our Lord Henry the Sixth, late King of England, by his Letters Patents, sealed with his Great Seal of England, bearing date at Westminster aforesaid, the sixth day of

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October, in the Twenty third Year of his Reign, which the said Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* brings here in Court for their Heirs and Successors, did confirm to the Mayor and Commonalty, and to the Citizens of the City of *London* and their Successors, all and singular their Liberties, Franchizes, and free Customs, so whole and untouched in any time of the Progenitors of the late King *Henry* the Sixth, when as more freely and better they had the same, as by the said Letters Patents, among other things more fully appears. And that our Lord *Edward* the Fourth, late King of *England*, by his Letters Patents, under his Great Seal of *England*, bearing date at *Westminster* aforesaid, the Ninth day of *November*, in the Second Year of his Reign, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* brings here in Court, for themselves and their Heirs, did confirm to the Mayor and Commonalty and to the Citizens of the City of *London* and their Successors for ever, all and singular their Liberties, Franchizes and free Customs, so whole and untouched, like as to them in any time of the Progenitors of the said late King *Edward* the Fourth, they have had and held more quiet and free. And further, the said late King *Edward* the Fourth, by his Letters Patents, did grant to the said Mayor and Commonalty and to the Citizens, that although they or their Predecessors, or the Mayor and Aldermen of the said City or their Predecessors before or succeeding them from thence after any or to any Liberties, did quietly grant the Order of Articles or free Customs, or of any other in the said Letters

dict' vicefimo sexto die Octobr' Anno Regn' sui vicefimo tertio quas iidem Major & Communitas & Cives Civit' London hic in Cur' proferunt pro se, Heredibus et Successoribus suis confirmavit Majori et Communitat' ac Civibus Civit' London et successor' suis omnes et singulas suas libertat' franc' et liberas Consuetud' adeo integras et illesas sicut eas unquam aliquo tempore Progenitor' ejusdem nuper Regis Henrici sexti melius, quietius et liber' habuissent et tenuissent prout per easdem litteras patent' int' alia plenius apparet Quodq; Domin' Edwardus nuper Rex Ang' quartus per litteras suas patent' sub magno sigillo suo Angl' sigillat' geren' dat' apud Westm' prædict' Nono die Novembr' Anno Regn' sui secundo quas iidem Major et Communitas ac Cives Civit' London hic in Cur' proferunt pro se et Heredibus suis confirmavit Majori et Communitat' ac Civib. Civit. London et successoribus suis in perpetu. omn. et singulas suas libertat. Franc. et liberas Consuetud. adeo integr. et illas. sicut eas unquam aliquo tempore Progenitor. ejusdem nuper Reg. Edwardi quarti melius, quietius et liber. habuissent et tenuissent Et ulterius idem nuper Rex Edwardus quartus per easdem litteras suas patent. concessit eisdem Majori et Communitat. ac Civibus quod licet ipsi vel Predecessor. sui aut Major et Alderman. Civit. prædict. vel Predecessor. sui præantea vel Successor. sui extunc imposter. aliqua vel aliquibus libertat. quietant. concess. ordinat. Articulator. seu liberar. Consuetud. aut alior. in

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eisdem litteris patent' ejusdem nuper Regis Edwardi quarti seu al' litteris suis aut Progenitor' suor' quondam Reg' Angl' eisdem Majori & Communitat' concess' content' aliquo Casu emergente plene non usi vel abusi fuerint; Nolu it tamen idem nuper Rex Edwardus quartus quod propt' hoc ipsi Major & Communitat' Aldermann' & Cives seu Successoribus sui forisfactur' aliquor' præmiss' incurrerent sed quod ipsi & eor' Successor' universis & singulis libertat' quietant' concess' ordinat' Articulis, liberis Consuetud' & quibuscunq; al' in Cartis & litteris prædict' content. totaliter non usis vel etiam abusus & eor. quolibet extunc de cætero plene & libere gauderent & eis uterent. sine impetition. vel impediment' ejusdem nuper Regis seu Hered. suor. Justic. Escator. Vicecom. aut al. Balliv. seu Ministr. ipsius nuper Regis vel al. quorumcunq; prout per easdem litteras patent. ejusdem nuper Regis Edwardi quarti hic in Cur. prolat. int. alia plenius apparet. Quodq; Domin. Henricus nuper Rex Angl. Septimus per litteras suas patent. sub magno sigillo suo Angl. sigillat. geren. dat. apud Westm. prædict. vicesimo tertio die Julii Anno Regni sui Vicesimo, quas iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit. London hic in Cur. proferunt pro se Heredibus & Successoribus suis Ratificavit & Confirmavit Majori & Communitat. ac Civibus Civit' London & eor. Successor. omnia & singula libertat. privileg. quietant. & liberas Consuetud. quibus ipsi Major Communitas & Cives seu Predecessor. sui habere, exercere seu gaudere consue-

Patents of the said late King *Edward* the Fourth, or other his Letters Patents contained, or of his Progenitors sometime Kings of *England* to the Mayor and Commonalty, did grant in any Case arising, albeit, they have not been fully used or abused: Notwithstanding the said King *Edward* the Fourth was unwilling that for this, they the Mayor and Commonalty Aldermen, and Citizens, or their Successors should incur the forfeiture of the Premises; but that they and their Successors all and singular the Liberties, Freedoms, Grants, Ordinations in the Articles, free-Customs, and whatsoever else in the Charters and Letters aforesaid contained the like not used, or also abused, and every of them from thence of the rest fully and freely may use and enjoy without the Impeachment or Impediment of the said late King, or his Heirs of the Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs any other Bayliff or Officer of the said late King, or any other whatsoever, as by the said Letters Patents of the said late King *Edward* the Fourth, brought here in Court; among other things more fully appeared. And that the late King *Henry* the Seventh by his Letters Patents under his Great Seal of *England* bearing Date at *Westminster* aforesaid, the 23^d. Day of *July*, in the 20th. Year of his Reign, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* brings here in Court for themselves their Heirs and Successors did ratifie and confirm to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* and their Successors all and singular the Liberties, Priviledges, Freedoms and Free Customs, which they the said Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens, or their Predecessors have been accustomed to have, exercise or enjoy, or have been used or accustomed.

accustomed so fully, plainly, and wholly, as if all and singular the several words in the said Letters Patents were and have been expressed, declared, and manifested, as by the said Letters Patents among other things more fully appears. And the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London further says, That the late King James by his Letters Patents under his Great Seal of England, bearing Date at his Honour of Hampton-Court the 24th. day of September in the 6th. Year of his Reign which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London brings here in Court by reciting that whereas many others of his Predecessors sometime Kings of England of his special Grace for the many acceptable, laudable, and continued Services by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London and their Predecessors in times past done, and unrewarded; also for divers other urgent Causes and considerations, them severally moving did give grant and confirm to the Mayor and Commonalty and to the Citizens of the City of London and their Successors divers Liberties Priviledges, Franchizes, Immunities, Authorities, Jurisdictions, Ordinances, Customs and Freedoms; as by the several Letters Patents of the Progenitors and Predecessors of the said late Kings of England more fully and manifest it doth, and may appear. The said King James for, and in consideration of the great Fidelity, Constancy, and very late and laudable Service by the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London aforesaid, to the late King of this Realm in his first coming to this Realm, and continuing until then manifested and most faithfully done and unrewarded all and singular Letters Patents Charters,

vissent vel usi fuissent aut devenissent adeo plene, plan. & integre ac si ac omnia & singula separatim & verbat. in eisdem litteris patent. express. declarat. & manifestat. essent & fuissent, prout per easdem litteras patent. int. alia plenius apparet. Et iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit. London ulterius dicunt quod Domin. Jacobus nuper Rex Angl. &c. per litteras suas Patent. sub Magno sigillo suo Angl. sigillat. geren. dat. apud Honorem suu. de Hampton-Court Viceesimo quarto die Septembris Anno Regni sui Angl. sexto, quas iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit. London hic in Cur. proferunt recitando quod cum quamplurimi Progenitores ipsius nuper Regis quondam Reges Angl. de gratia sua special. ac pro gratis laudabil. multiplicib. & contin. servit. per Majorem & Communitat. ac Cives Civit. London et Prædecessor' suos temporibus retract. fact. et impens. Necnon pro divers. al. urgent. causis et consideration. eos separatim moven. dedissent concessissent et confirmassent Majori et Communitat. ac Civib. Civit. London prædict. et Successor. suis divers. libertat. Privileg. Franch. Immunitat. Authorit. Jurisdiction. Ordinat. Consuetud. et quietant. prout, per separat. litteras Patent. Progenitor. et Prædecessor. suor. quondam Regum Angl. plenius et manifestius liquebat et apparebat. Idem nuper Rex Jacobus pro et in considerat. sum. fidelitat. constant. et prompt. et laudabil. servit. per Major. et Communitat. ac Cives. Civit. London prædict. eidem nuper Regi in ips. Regn. sui primis Auspiciis et continue usq; tunc manifest. et fidelissim. fact. et impens. omnes et singulas Litteras Pa-

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tent. Cartas et confirmac. Præclariss. Progenitor. et Successor. suor. ejusdem Majori et Communitat. ac Civib. Civit. London prædict. et Successor. suis per quæcunque nomina incorporat. ante tunc tempora fact. concess. seu confirmat. ac omnes et singulas donac. concess. confirmac. restitut. consuetud. ordinac. explanac. articul. et omnes al. res quascunq; in quibuscunq; litteris patent. sive Cartæ quorumcunq; Progenitor. Predecessor. aut Antecessor. suor. Regn. Angl. Necnon omnia et singula in dict. litteris patent. Chartis concess. confirmat. seu eor. aliquibus content. recitat. specifac. confirmat. seu explanat. Ac omnia et singula Jurisdiction. Autoritat. Privileg. Libertat. Franch. Quietanc. Immunitat. liberas Consuetud. et Hereditament. quæcunq; quæ prædict. Major et Communitas ac Cives Civit. London prædict. vel Predecessor. sui per Nomen Major. et Communitat. ac Civium Civit. London seu per Nomen Major. et Aldermann. Civit. London seu per Nomen Majoris Civium et Communitat. Civit. London seu per Nomen Majoris et Civium Civit. London seu per Nomen Majoris et Communitat. Civit. London seu per Nomen Civium Civit. London seu per nomen Baron. London seu per Nomen Baron. Civit. London seu per aliquod al. nomen quodcunque ratione seu vigore aliquar. litterar. patent. Cartar. seu confirmac. aliquor. Progenitor. Prædecessor. aut Antecessor. ejusdem nuper Regis Jacobi quondam Regis Angl. aliquo tempore vel aliquib. temporib. habuissent seu ra-

and Confirmations of his most noble Progenitors and Predecessors to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London aforesaid and their Successors, by what name soever incorporated, before that time made, granted or confirmed, and all and singular Donations, Grants, Confirmations; Restitutions, Customs, Ordinances, Explanations, Articles, and all other things whatsoever in whatsoever Letters Patents or Charters whatsoever of the Progenitors, Predecessors or Ancestors of the said Kings of England; also all and singular in the said Letters Patents, Charters; Concessions, Confirmations, or any of them contained, recited, specified, confirmed, or explained. And all and singular Jurisdctions, Authorities, Privileges, Liberties, Franchises, Freedoms, Immunities, free Customs, and Hereditaments whatsoever, which the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London or their Predecessors, by the Name of the Mayor and Commonalty and of the Citizens of the City of London, or by the Name of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London, or by the Name of the Mayor, Citizens and Commonalty of the City of London or by the Name of Mayor and Citizens of the City of London, or by the Name of the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of London, or by the Name of the Citizens of the City of London, or by the Name of Barons of London, or by the Name of Barons of the City of London, or by any other Name whatsoever, by reason or force of any Letters Patents, Charters or Confirmations of any the Progenitors, Predecessors or Ancestors of the said late King James, in any time or times have been had or reasonably

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been used or exercised, or have been adjudged for themselves and their Heirs and Successors, did accept and approve, and all and singular to the said Mayor and Commonalty and to the Citizens of the City of *London* aforesaid, and their Successors, by the said Letters Patents did ratifie and confirm to have, hold, enjoy, and exercise, all and singular the Premises to the said Mayor and Commonalty and to the Citizens of the City of *London* aforesaid, and their Successors for ever, so fully, freely, and wholly, as in as large manner and form as if every several single Name, and Name by Name, in those said Letters Patents have been expressed, named, declared, recited, and manifested, as by the said Letters Patents, among other things, more fully appears. And that the said late King *Charles* the First by his Letters Patents, under his Great Seal of *England*, bearing date at *Westminster* aforesaid, the Eighteenth day of *October*, in the Fourteenth Year of his Reign, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* brings here in Court, all and singular Privileges, Liberties, Franchizes, Freedoms, Immunities and free Customs whatsoever, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforesaid, or their Predecessors, by the Name of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or by the Name of the Mayor and Aldermen, Citizens and Commonalty of *London*, or by the Name of Mayor and Citizens of the City of *London*, or by the Name of Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *London*, or by the Name of the Citizens of the City of *London*, or by the Name of the Barons of *London*, or by the Name

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Nomen Barōn. Civit. London seu per aliquod al. nomen quodcūq; ratione seu vigore litterar. patent. Cartar. seu confirmac. in eisdem litteris patent. dicti nuper Regis Caroli primi mentionat. vel usu vel præscriptione aut alio legal. modo aliquo tempore vel aliquibus temporibus ante hoc habuissent seu rationabiliter usi fuissent aut exercuissent rat. haben. et grata ac pro se heredibus et successoribus suis acceptavit et approbavit, ac ea omnia et singula præfat. Majori et Communitat. ac Civibus Civit. London et eor. Successor. per easdem litteras suas patent. ratificavit et confirmavit, prout per litteras patent. ill. int. alia plenius liquet et apparet. Quodque prædict. Domin. Rex nunc per litteras suas patent. sub magno sigillo suo Angl. sigillat. geren. dat. apud Westm. prædict. vicesimo quarto die Junii Anno regni sui decimo quinto, quas iidem Major et Communitas ac Cives Civit. London hic in Cur. proferunt pro ipso Rege, Heredibus et Successoribus suis ratificavit et confirmavit Major et Communitat. ac Civibus Civit. London et successor. suis omnia et singula Jurisdiction. Authoritat. Privileg. Libertat. Franch. Quietanc. Immunitat. et Consuetud. quecūq; que præfat. Major et Communitas ac Cives Civit. London vel Prædecessor. sui per Nomen Major. et Communitat. ac Civium Civit. London seu per Nomen Majoris Aldermannor. Civium et Communitat. London seu per Nomen Majoris et Civium Civit. London seu per Nomen Major. et Communit. Civit.

of the Barons of the City of *London*, or by any other Name whatsoever, by reason or force of the said Letters Patents, Charters or Confirmations in the said Letters Patents of the said late King *Charles the First* mentioned, or in use or by prescription, or in any other lawful manner, in any time or in any time or times before that time have had or have been reasonably used or exercised, declared and adjudged for themselves, their Heirs and Successors, did accept and approve, and all and singular to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* and their Successors, by their said Letters Patents have ratified and confirmed, as by those said Letters Patents (among other things) it doth and may appear. And that our Lord the King that now is, by his Letters Patents, under his Great Seal of *England*, bearing date at *Westminster*, the Twenty fourth day of *June*, in the Fifteenth Year of his Reign, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* brings here in Court for the said King himself, his Heirs and Successors, did ratifie and confirm to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, their Successors, all and singular the Jurisdctions, Authorities, Priviledges, Liberties, Franchizes, Freedoms, Immunities, and Customs whatsoever, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* or their Predecessors by the Name of Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, or by the Name of Mayor, Aldermen, Citizens and Commonalty of *London*, or by the Name of Mayor and Citizens of the City of *London*, or by the Name of Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *London*,

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or by the Name of the Citizens of the City of *London*; or by the Name of the Barons of *London*, or by the Name of the Barons of the City of *London*, or by any other Name whatsoever, by reason or force of the Letters Patents Charters or Confirmations in the said Letters Patents of our said now Lord the King before mention'd, or of any or any use or uses, prescription or prescriptions, or in any other Legal way whatsoever in any time or times before then, have been had, or reasonably have been used or exercised to have, hold, enjoy and exercise all and singular the said Premises to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* aforesaid, and their Successors for ever, so fully, freely, and wholly as in as ample manner and form as by the said Letters Patents above mentioned, to be given or granted, or any other use, prescription, or any other Legal manner or Right whatsoever before then respectively have been had, obtain'd or enjoy'd as if separately, singly and name by name in, and by the said Letters Patents of our said King that now is, were, or have been expressed, nominated, declared, granted and manifested, as by the said Letters Patents among other things more fully it doth, and may appear; And by that Authority, the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* by the time in the Information aforesaid above specified have been used and hitherto do use and claim to have, and use the Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchizes to be of themselves one Body Corporate and Politick in Matter, Deed, and Name, by the Name of Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and by that Name to Plead, and be Impleaded; to Answer, and be Answered; as to them it hath or may be Law-

London seu per Nomen Civium Civit. London, seu per Nomen Baron. London, seu per Nomen Baron. Civitat. London, seu per aliquod al' Nomen quocunq; ratione vel vigore Litterar. patent. cartar. seu confirmat. in eisdem litteris patent. dicti Domin. Regis nunc præmentonat. vel alicujus seu aliquar. usus vel usu. præscription. vel præscriptionum seu al. legali modo quocunq; aliquo tempore, vel aliquibus temporibus ante tunc habuissent seu rationabilit. usi fuissent, seu exercuissent habend. tenend. gaudend. & exercend. omnia & singula præmiss. prædict. eisdem Majori & Communitat. ac Civibus Civitat. London prædict. & Successoribus suis in perpetuum adeo plene libere & integre ac in tam amplo modo & forma prout in eisdem Litteris patent. superius mentionat. fore data sive concessa aut alit. usu præscription. vel al. legali modo seu jure quocunq; ante tunc respective habit. obtent. fructu gaudia fuissent ac si separatim singulatim & nominatim in et per dictas litteras patent. ipsius Domin. Regis nunc express. nominat. declarat. concess. & manifesta essent et fuissent prout per easdem Litteras Patent. inter alia plenius apparet. Et eo Warranto iidem Major & Communitat. ac Cives Civitat. London per tempus in Informatione prædicta superius specifac. usi fuer. & adhuc utunt. ac clamant habere & uti Libertat. Privileg. & Franch. fore de seipsis unum Corpus Corporat. & politic. in re facto & Nomine per Nomen Majoris & Communitat. ac Civium Civitat' London, ac per idem Nomen placitare & implacitari, respondere ac responderi prout eis bene

licit & licet. Absq; hoc quod iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitatis. London de Libertat. Privileg. & Franch. ill. super dictum Domin. Regem nunc per tempus prædict. in Informatione prædict. superius specific. Usurpaver. seu Usurpant prout per Information. ill. pro dicto Domin. Rege nunc superius supposuit. Quæ omnia & singula iidem Major ac Communitas ac Cives Civitatis. London parat. sunt verificare, unde petit Judicium; Et quod Libertat. Privileg. & Franch. ill. eis & Successoribus suis in perpetuum. deinceps allocent. & adjudicent. & quod ipsi quoad præmiss. ill. ab hac Cur. dimittant. &c. Et iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit. London, quoad Libertat. Privileg. & Franch. sequen. viz. ipsos habere. Vicecom. Civit. & Com. Civit. London & Vicecom. Midd. & nominare et eligere ex seipsis suas personas fore Vicecom. Civit. prædict. et Com. ejusdem Civit. et Vicecom. Midd. ac ill. sic nominat. et Elect. præscere et constituere Vicecom. Civit. prædict. et Com. ejusdem Civit. et Vicecom. Midd. ac ut Vicecom. Civit. prædict. et in Com. ejusdem Civit. ad execut. et Retorn. omnium. brevium. Bill. et Præcept. Domin. Regis pro Administratione et execut. Justic. infra Civit. prædict. et Com. ejusdem Civit. exequend. faciend. quæ ad Officiu. Vicecom. faciend. pertinent ac ad faciend. et exequend. omnia et singula alia infra Civit. prædict. & Com. ejusdem Civit. que ad officiu. Vicecom. faciend. pertinent, ac ut Vicecom. Com.

ful. Without that that the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London of these Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchizes upon our now Sovereign Lord the King by the time aforesaid in the Information above specified have been Usurped, or do Usurp as by that Information for our said Lord the King above it is supposed. Which all and singular the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London are ready to verifie, from whence they pray Judgment; And that the Liberties, Priviledges and Franchizes to them and their Successors for ever, should be allowed and adjudged, and that they may be dismissed, as also the Premises from this Court, &c. And the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, so as their Liberties, Priviledges, and Franchizes following, viz. Them to have Sheriffs of the City and County of the City of London, and Sheriff of the County of Middlesex, and to Name, and Elect of themselves their Persons to be Sheriffs of the City aforesaid and County of the said City, and Sheriff of Middlesex, and those so Named and Elected to be made and constituted Sheriffs of the said City and County of the said City, and Sheriff of the said County of Middlesex, and as Sheriff of the said City & in the County of the said City to execut & Retorne all Writs, Bills, and Precepts of our said Lord the King for the Administration and Execution of Justice within the said City, and County of the said City, to perform and do what shall appertain or belong to the Office of Sheriff, and also to do and perform, and all and singular others within the said City and County of the same, which shall appertain to, or belong to the Office of Sheriff, also to serve as

Sheriff for the County of *Middlesex*, and all Writs, Bills and Precepts of our Lord the King within the said County of *Middlesex*, for the Administration and Execution of Justice there, to perform and make return thereof, which belongs or appertains to the Office of Sheriff: Say our said Lord the King ought not to impeach or hinder them the Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* by occasion thereof, because they say, that the City of *London* is and time out of mind hath been an ancient City and County of themselves. And that the said County of *Middlesex*, by the time aforesaid, hath been and is an ancient County. And that the Citizens of the said City are and from which time, beyond the memory of Man, hath been one Body Corporate and Politick, not only by the Name of Mayor and Commonalty of the Citizens of the City of *London*, but also by the Names of the Citizens of *London*. And that King *John* some time King of *England*, by his Letters Patents under his Great Seal of *England*, bearing date at his good Town upon *Tokam*, the fifth day of *July*, in the First Year of his Reign, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* brings here in Court, did grant to the Citizens of *London* aforesaid, Sheriffs of *London* and *Middlesex*, with all things and Customs which did appertain and belong to the said Sheriffs within the City and without, by Land and by Water, to have and to hold to them for Ever. And besides, that the said King *John*, by his said Letters Patents, did grant to the said Citizens of *London*, that they of themselves should make Sheriffs whomsoever they would, and amove them

Midd. pro eodem Com. deservitur. ac omnia Brevia, Bill. & Præcept. Domin. Regis infra Com. Midd. prædict. pro Administratione & Executione Justitiæ ibidem exequend. & return. inde faciend. quæ ad Officium Vicecom. faciend. pertinen. Dicunt quod Dicitur Domin. Rex nunc ipsos Majorem & Communitat. ac Cives Civitat. London occasione inde impetere seu occasonare non debet, quia dicunt quod prædict. Civit. London est & a tempore cujus contrar. memoria. homin. non exist. fuit antiqua Civitas & antiqu. Comit. de se Quodq; prædict. Com. Midd. per totum tempus prædict. fuit & est antiquus Comit. Quodq; Cives ejusdem Civit. sunt & a prædict. tempore cujus contrar. memor. homin. non exist. fuer. un. corpus corporat. & politicu. tam per Nomen Major. & Communitat. ac Civium Civit. London quam per Nomen Civium London Quodq; Domin. Johannes quondam Rex Angl. per litteras suas patent. sub magno sigillo suo Angl. sigillat. geren. dat. apud bonam Villam super Tokam, quinto die Julii, Anno Regni sui primo, quas iidem Major & Communitat. ac Cives Civitat. London hic in Cur. proferunt, concessit Civibus London prædict. Vicecomit. London & de Midd. cum omnibus rebus & consuetudinibus quæ pertinebant ad prædict. Vicecom. infra Civit. & extra, per terras & per aquas habend. & tenend. eis in perpetuum. Et præterea idem Domin. Rex Johannes per litteras suas patent. prædict. concessit eisdem Civibus London quod ipsi de seipsis facerent Vicecom. quoscunq; voluerint & amoverent quando

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voluerint prout per easdem litteras patent. inter alia plenius apparet. Quodq; in Magna Charta de libertatibus Angl. in Parliament. Domin. Henrici quondam Regis Angl. tertii apud Westm. in Com. Midd. Anno regni sui nono tent. edit. & provis. continet. quod Civit. London habeat omnes libertat. suas antiquas & consuetud. suas. Et iidem Major & Communitas, ac Cives Civit. London ulterius dicunt quod idem Domin. Rex Henricus tertius per litteras suas patent. sub magno sigillo suo Angl. sigillat. geren. dat. apud Westm. prædict. decimo octavo die Februarii Anno Regni sui undecimo quas iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit. London hic in Cur. proferunt, confirmavit Civibus London Vicecom. London & de Midd. cum omnibus rebus & consuetudinib. quæ pertineb. ad prædict. Vicecom. infra Civitat. & extra, per terras & per aquas prout per easdem litteras patent. int. al. plenius apparet. Quodque Domin. Edwardus quondam Rex Angl. tertius in Parliament. suo apud Westm. tent. in Com. Midd. Anno regni sui primo tent. per quandam Cartam suam de assensu Prælator. Comit. Baron ac totius Communitat. regni sui in eodem Parlamento suo apud Westm. prædict. convocat. existen. ac Autoritate ejusdem Parliamenti confirmavit tunc Civibus Civit. London prædict. libertat. subsequen. int. al. habend. sibi & Successoribus suis in perpetuum. Imprimis recitando quod cum in Magna Charta de libertat. Angl. contineat. quod Civitas London

when they pleased, as by the said Letters Patents (among other things) more fully appears. And that in the Great Charter of the Liberties of *England*, in the Parliament of our Lord *Henry* the Third sometime King of *England*, at *Westminster*, in the County of *Middlesex*, in the Ninth Year of his Reign, held, made, and provided, it is contained that the City of *London* should have all their ancient Liberties and Customs. And the said Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* further say, that the said King *Henry* the Third, by his Letters Patents under his Great Seal of *England*, bearing date at *Westminster* aforesaid, the Eighteenth day of *February*, in the Eleventh Year of his Reign, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* brings here in Court, did confirm to the Citizens of *London*, Sheriffs of *London* and *Middlesex*, with all things and Customs that did belong to the said Sheriffs within the City, and without, by Land and by Water, as by the said Letters Patents (among other things) more fully appears. And that King *Edward* the Third in his Parliament at *Westminster*, held in the County of *Middlesex*, in the First Year of his Reign, by his Charter, with the assent of the Prelates, Earls, Barons, and the whole Commonalty of this Realm, in his said Parliament at *Westminster* being assembled, and by Authority of the said Parliament, did then confirm to the Citizens of the City of *London* the said Liberties following (among other things) to have to themselves and Successors for Ever. First in reciting, that whereas in the Great Charter of the Liberties of *England* it is contained, that the City of *London* should

should have all their ancient Liberties and Customs. And that the said Citizens at the time of making the said Charter, and in the times of King Edward the Confessor, and William the Conqueror, and other the Progenitors of the said King Edward the Third, divers Liberties and Customs, not only by the Charters of their Progenitors, but also without Charters of ancient Customs have had, the said King Edward the Third did will and grant for himself and his Heirs, by the authority of those Charters, that the said Citizens should have their Liberties according to the Form of the Great Charter above-mentioned. And that for any Personal Offence, or Personal Judgment of any Officer of the said City, their Liberties should not be taken into the hands of the said King Edward the Third or his Heirs, but of such Officer the like Offence should be required of, and punished, as by the said Charters, bearing date at *Westminster* aforesaid, the Sixth day of *March*, in the First Year of the Reign of the said King Edward the Third, under his Great Seal of *England*, here brought into Court (among other things) more fully may appear. And the said Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* further say, that at the instance and request of the Commons of *England*, in the Parliament of King Richard the Second, after the Conquest, at *Westminster* aforesaid, in the Seventh Year of his Reign, held and assembled for the greater quiet and peace of his Subjects, to maintain and for the publick good, all Customs, Liberties, Priviledges and Franchises of the said City then to the Citizens of that City and their Successors, although they have not been used or abused, was ratified and confirmed

habeat omnes libertat. suas antiquas et consuetud. suas. Et quod iidem Cives tempore consecution. dictæ Cartæ ac temporibus sancti Edwardi Regis et Confessoris, et Willielmi Conquestor. et al. Progenitor. dicti Regis Edwardi tertii diversas libertat. et consuetud. tamper Cartas ipsor. Progenitor. suor. quam sine Cartis ex antiqua consuetud. habuissent, voluit et concessit idem Rex Edwardus tertius pro se et Heredibus suis per Cartam ill. autoritat. prædict. quod idem Cives haberent Libertat. suas secund. formam magnæ Cartæ supradict. Et quod pro aliqua personal. transgr. vel Judicio Personal. alicujus Ministri ejusdem Civit. non caperet. libertas Civit. ill. in manu ejusdem Regis Edwardi tertii vel Hered. suor. sed hujusmodi Minister prout qualitas transgr. requireret puniretur prout per eandem Cartam geren. dat. apud Westm. prædict. Sexto die Martii Anno Regni dicti Regis Edwardi tertii primo supradict. sub magno sigillo suo Angl. sigillat. hic in Cur. prolat. int. alia plenius apparet. Et iidem Major et Communitas ac Cives Civit. London ulterius dicunt quod ad Instant. et requisition. Communitat. Regni Angl. in Parlamento Domin. Ricardi nuper Regis Angl. Secundi post Conquestum apud Westm. prædict. Anno Regni sui septimo tent. assemblat. pro majore quiet. et pace inter ligeos ejusdem nuper Regis fovend. et pro bono publico omnes Consuetud. Libertat. Privileg. et Franch. Civit. prædict. tunc Civibus Civitat. illius et eor. Successoribus, licet usi non fuerint vel abusi fuerint eisdem Autoritat. ejus-

dem Parliament. ratificat. & confirmat. fuer. Quodq; Dominus Henricus nuper Rex Angl. sextus per litteras suas patent. sub magno sigillo suo Angl. sigillat. geren. dat. apud Westm. prædict. vicesimo sexto die Octobris, Anno Regni sui vicesimo tertio quas iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit. London hic in Cur. proferunt pro se Heredibus & Successoribus suis confirmavit Majori & Communitat. ac Civibus Civit. London et Successoribus suis omnes et singulas suas libertat. franch. et liberas Consuetud. adeo integras et illesas sicut eas unquam aliquo tempore Progenitor. ejusdem nuper Regis Henrici sexti melius, quietius et liber. habuissent et tenuissent prout per easdem litteras patent. int. al. plenius apparet. Quodq; Domin. Edwardus nuper Rex Angl. quartus per litteras suas patent. sub magno sigillo suo Angl. sigillat. geren. dat. apud Westm. prædict. nono die Novembr. Anno Regni sui secundo quas iidem Major et Communitas ac Cives Civit. London hic in Cur. proferunt pro se et Heredibus suis confirmavit Majori et Communitat. ac Civibus Civit. London et Successoribus suis in perpetuum omnes et singulas suas libertat. franch. et liberas Consuetud. adeo integr. et illes. sicut eas unquam aliquo tempore Progenitor. ejusdem nuper Regis Edwardi quarti melius, quietius et liber. habuissent et tenuissent Et ulterius idem nuper Rex Edwardus quartus per easdem litteras suas patent. concessit eisdem Majori et Communitat. ac Civibus, quod licet ipsi vel Predecessores sui aut Major et Aldermann. Civit. prædict. vel Prædecessor. sui præantea vel Successores sui extunc imposterum aliqua vel aliquibus libertat. quietant. con-

by the Authority of the said Parliament. And that the late King Henry the Sixth, by His Letters Patents under his Great Seal of England, bearing Date at Westminster aforesaid the 26th. day of October in the 23d. Year of his Reign which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London brings here in Court for themselves, their Heirs and Successors did confirm to the Mayor and Commonalty, and to the Citizens of the City of London, and their Successors all and singular their Liberties, Franchizes and Free Customs so intire and unmolested, like as in any time of the Progenitors of the said King Henry the Sixth, they evermore quietly and freely have had, and held, as by the said Letters Patents, among other things more fully may appear. And that King Edward the 4th. by his Letters Patents under his Great Seal of England bearing date at Westminster aforesaid the Ninth day of November, in the Second Year of his Reign which the Major and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London brings here in Court for themselves, and their Heirs did confirm to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London and their Successors for Ever, all and singular their Liberties, Franchizes and Free Customs so intire and untouched like as in any time of the Progenitors of the said King Edward the 4th. more quietly and freely they ever had and held. And further, the said King Edward the Fourth, by his Letters Patents did grant to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of London, that although they, or their Predecessors, or Mayor and Aldermen of the City aforesaid, or their Predecessors before that, or their Successors from thence after any, or to any Liberties, Freedoms, Concessi-

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ons, Ordinances of Articles, or Free Customs, or of any other in the said Letters Patents of the said King Edward the Fourth, or any other his Letters Patents, of his Progenitors Kings of England, to the said Mayor and Commonalty granted, contain'd in any Case arising, that have not been fully used or abused, the said King Edward the Fourth is unwilling that the Mayor and Commonalty Aldermen and Citizens or their Successors shall incur the forfeiture of any the Premises, but that they and their Successors to all and singular the Liberties, Freedoms, Grants, Ordinances, Articles, Free Customs, and whatsoever else in the said Charters and Letters contained the like not used or abused, and any of them from thence, fully and freely shall use and enjoy without the Impeachment or Impediment of the said King, or his Heirs, Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, or any Bayliff or Officer of the said King, or of any other whatsoever, as by the said Letters Patents of the said King Edward the 4th. brought here in Court among other things more fully may appear. And that the late King Henry the 7th. by his Letters Patents under his Great Seal of England bearing Date at Westminster aforesaid, the 23d. Day of July in the Twentieth Year of his Reign, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London brings here in Court for themselves, and their Successors did Ratifie and Confirm to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London and their Successors, all and singular the Liberties, Priviledges, Freedoms, and Free Customs, to which they the Mayor Commonalty and Citizens or their Successors have been accustomed to have, exercise, or enjoy, or have, or ought to have been

cess. Ordination. Articular. seu liberar. Consuetudin. aut alior. in eisdem Litteris Patentibus ejusdem nuper Regis Edwardi quarti seu al. Litteris suis aut Progenitor. suor. quondam Regum Angl. eisdem Majori & Communitat. concess. content. aliquo casu emergente plene non usi vel abusi fuerint. Noluit tamen idem nuper Rex. Edwardus quartus. quod propt. hoc ipsi Major & Communitas Alderman. & Civēs seu Succēssor. sui forisfactur. aliquor. premissar. incurrent sed quod ipsi & eorum Succēssor. Univerſis & singulis libertat. quietant. concess. ordinat. Articulis Liberis Consuetud. & quibuscunq; al. in Cartis & litteris prædict. content. totalit. non usis vel etiam abasis, & eor. quolibet extunc de cætero plene & libere gauderent & eis uterent. sine impetitione vel impediment. ejusdem nuper Regis seu Hered. suor. Justic. Escaetor. Vicecom. aut al. Balliv. seu Ministr. ipsius nuper Regis vel alior. quorumcunq; prout per easdem Litteras patent. ejusdem nuper Regis Edwardi quarti hic in Cur. Prolat. int. al. plenius apparet. Quodque Domin. Henricus nuper Rex Angl. Septimus per Litteras suas Patent. sub Magno sigillo suo Angl. Sigillat. geren. dat. apud Westm. prædict. Vicesimo tertio die Julii Anno Regni sui Vicesimo, quas iidem Major & Communitas ac Civēs Civit. London hic in Cur. proferunt pro se Hered. & Succēssoribus suis ratificavit & confirmavit Majori & Communitat. ac Civibus Civit. London, & eorum Succēssoribus omnia & singula Libertat. Privileg. quietant. & liberas consuetudines quibus ipsi Major Communitas & Civēs seu Predecessor. sui habere, exercere seu gaudere consuevissent vel usi fuissent aut

debuissent aut plene, plane & integre ac sic ea omnia & singula separatim & verbatim in eisdem Litteris Patent' express' declarat' & manifestat' essent & fuissent prout per easdem Litteras Patent' inter alia plenius apparet. Quodq; Domin' Henricus nuper Rex Angl' Octavus per Litteras suas Patent' sub magno sigillo suo Angl' sigillat' geren' dat' apud Westm' prædict' duodecimo Die Julii Anno Regni sui quinto, quas iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit' London hic in Cur' proferunt omnes concessiones & al' quæcunq; in prædict' Litteris Patent' prædict' Domin' Regis Johannis superius specificat' content' quod ipse Rege Henrico octavo & Heredibus suis, Majori & Communitat' ac Civibus Civitatis London & Successoribus suis Ratificavit & Confirmavit, prout per easdem Litteras Patent' ejusdem nuper Regis Henrici Octavi inter alia plenius apparet. Quodq; Domin' Edwardus nuper Rex Angl' Sextus per Litteras suas Patent' sub magno sigillo suo Angl' sigillat' geren' dat' apud Westm' prædict' Vicesimo primo die Februarii Anno Regni sui Secundo, quas iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit' London hic in Cur' proferunt omnes concessiones & al' quæcunq; in prædict' Litteris Patent' dicti Domin' Regis Johannis superius specificat' content' pro ipso nuper Rege Edwardo Sexto & Heredibus suis, Majori & Communitat' ac Civibus Civit. London, & Successoribus suis Ratificavit et Confirmavit, prout per easdem Litteras Patent' ejusdem nuper Regis Edwardi Sexti inter alia plenius apparet. Quodq; Domina Maria nuper Regni Angl' per Litteras suas Patent' sub

used, and fully, plainly and wholly, as if all and singular the several words in the said Letters Patents were expressed, declared and manifested, as by the said Letters Patents (among other things) more fully may appear. And that the late King Henry the Eighth by his Letters Patents, under his Great Seal of England, bearing date at Westminster afore said, the Twelfth day of July in the Fifth Year of his Reign, which the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London brings here in Court all Grants and others whatsoever in the said Letters Patents of the said King John above specified and contained, that he the said King Henry the Eighth and his Successors, to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London and their Successors, did ratifie and confirm, as by the said Letters Patents of the said King Henry the Eighth (among other things) more fully appears. And that the said late King Edward the Sixth, by his Letters Patents, under the Great Seal of England, bearing date at Westminster afore said, the Twenty first day of February, in the Second Year of his Reign, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London brings here in Court all Grants and others whatsoever in the said Letters Patents of the said King John above mentioned, contained for himself and his Heirs, to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London and their Successors, did ratifie and confirm, as by the said Letters Patents of the said King Edward the Sixth (among other things) more fully appears. And that the late Queen Mary by her Letters Patents, under the great Seal

Seal of *England*, bearing date at *Westminster* aforesaid, the first day of *March*, in the first Year of her Reign, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* brings here in Court, for her self, her Heirs and Successors, all Grants and others whatsoever in the said Letters Patents of the said King *John* above specified, contained to the Mayor and Commonalty and to the Citizens of the City of *London* aforesaid and their Successors, did ratifie and confirm, as by the said Letters Patents more fully appears. And that the late Queen *Elizabeth*, by her Letters Patents, under her Great Seal of *England*, bearing date at *Westminster* aforesaid, the Ninth day of *May*, in the Fourth Year of her Reign, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* brings here in Court, for her self, her Heirs and Successors, all Grants and others whatsoever in the said Letters Patents of the said King *John* above specified and contained, to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* and their Successors, did ratifie and confirm, as by the said Queen *Elizabeth's* Letters Patents (among other things) more fully appears. And the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* further say, that King *James*, by his Letters Patents, under his Great Seal of *England*, bearing date at his Honour of *Hampton-Court*, the Twenty fourth day of *September*, in the Sixth Year of his Reign, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* brings here in Court by reciting, That whereas the most part of the Progenitors of the late King,

magno sigillo Angl. sigillat. geren. dat. apud Westm. prædict. primo die Martii, Anno Regni sui primo quas iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat. London hic in Cur. proferunt pro ipsa nuper Regina Hered. & Successoribus suis omnes concessionibus & al. quæcunq; in prædict. litteris patent. dicti Domin. Regis Johannis superius specificat. content. Majori et Communitat. ac Civibus Civitat. London prædict. et Successor. suis ratificavit et confirmavit prout per easdem litteras patent. ejusdem nuper Regis int. al. plenius apparet. Quodq; Domina Elizabetha nuper Regin. Ang. per litteras suas patent. sub magno sigillo suo Angl. sigillat. geren. dat. apud Westm. prædict. nono die Maii, Anno Regni sui quarto, quas iidem Major et Communitas ac Cives Civitat. London hic in Cur. proferunt pro ipsa nuper Regina Elizabetha Hered. et Successoribus, suis omnes concession. et al. quæcunq; in prædict. litteris patent. dicti Domin. Regis Johannis superius specificat. content. Majori et Communitat. ac Civibus Civit. London et Successoribus suis ratificavit et confirmavit, prout per easdem litteras patent. ejusdem nuper Reginæ Elizabeth. inter alia plenius apparet. Et iidem Major et Communitas ac Cives Civitat. London ulterius dicunt, quod Domin. Jacobus nuper Rex Angl. per litteras suas patentes sub magno sigillo suo Angl. sigillat. geren. dat. apud Honorem suum de Hampton-Court Vicesimo quarto die Septembris Anno regni sui Angl. sexto quas iidem Major et Communitas ac Cives Civitat. London hic in Cur. proferunt recitando, quodcum quamplurimi. Progenitor. ipsius nuper Regis

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quondam Regis Angl. de gratia sua speciali ac pro gratis laudabil. multiplicibus & continuis servitiis per Majorem & Comunitat. ac Cives Civitat. London & Prædecessores suos temporibus retractis fact. & impens. necnon pro diversis al. urgentibus causis & considerationibus eos seperatim moventibus dedissent concessissent & confirmassent Majori & Comunitati ac Civibus Civitat. London prædict. ac Successoribus suis diversis libertat. priviledg. Franc. imunitat. Authoritat. Jurisdiction. Ordinationes consuetudin. & quietantias prout per seperal. Litteras Patent. Progenitor. & Prædecessor. suor. quondum Regina Angl. plenius & manifestus liquebat & apparebat. Idem nuper Rex Jacobus pro & in Consideratione sum. fidelitat. constant. prompt. & laudabil. servitii per Majorem & Comunitat. ac Cives Civitat. London prædict. eidem nuper Regi in in ipsis Regni sui primis Auspitiis & continue usque tunc manifestat. & fidelissim. fact. & impens. omnes & singulas Litteras Patentes Cartas & Confirmation. Præclarissimor. Progenitor. & Antecessor. suor. eidem Majori & Comunitat. ac Civibus Civitat. London prædict. & Prædecessoribus suis per quecunq; nomina incorporat. ante tunc tempora fact. concess. seu confirmat. ac omnes & singulas Donationes Concession. confirmation. restitution. Consuetudines Ordinationes & Explanationes Articuli. & omnes al. res quascunq; in quibuscunq; Litteris Patentibus sine Chartis quorumcunq; Progenitor. Prædecessor. aut Antecessor. suor. Regum Angl. nec non omnia & singula in dictis Litteris Patentibus Chartis Concessionibus Confirmationibus seu eor. aliquibus content. recitat. specificat. confirmat. seu explanat. ac omnia & singulis Jurisdictiones Authoritates Privilegia libertates & Franches quietant. imunitates liberas

sometimes Kings of England of their special Grace, and for the many grateful laudable and continued Services, by the Mayor Commonalty and Cityzens of the City of London, and their Predecessors in times past, done and unrewarded, also for divers others urgent Causes and Considerations, them severally moving, did give grace, and confirm to the Mayor and Commonalty and Cityzens or of the City of London and their Successors diverse Libertys Privileges, Franchises, Immunities, Authorities, Jurisdctions, Ordinances, Customs, and Freedoms; as by the several Letters, Patents of the said Progenitors and Predecessors Kings of England more fully and manifest, it doth and may appear the said King James for, and in consideration of the most faithful, and constant, and laudable service by the Mayor and Commonalty and Cityzens of the City of London aforesaid to him in his first coming to this Realm, and still continued then manifested and most faithfully done and unrewarded all and singular Letters, Patents, Charters, and confirmations of his most noble Progenitors and Antecessors to to the Mayor and Commonalty and to the Cityzens of the City of London and their Predecessors, by whatsoever named, Incorporated before that time made granted or confirmed and all and singular Donations, Grants, Confirmations, Restitutions, Customs, Ordinances, Explanations, Articles, and all other things whatsoever, in whatsoever Letters, Patents, or Charters whatsoever of his Progenitors, Predecessors, or Antecessors Kings of England. And also all and singular in the said Letters, Patents, Charters Grants, Confirmations, or any of them contained, recited, specified, confirmed or explained, and all and singular Jurisdctions, Authorities, Priviledges, Liberties, and Franchises, Freedoms, Immunities, free Customs

CUSTOMS and Hereditaments whatsoever, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London aforesaid or their Predecessors by the name of Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, or by the name of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London, or by the Name of Mayor Citizens and Commonalty of the City of London, or by the name of Mayor and Citizens of the City of London, or by the name of Citizens of the City of London, Or by the name of Barons of London, or by the name Barons of the City of London, or by any other name whatsoever by reason or force of any Letters, Patents, Charters or Confirmation of any the Progenitors, Predecessors, Antecessors of the said King James in any time or times have had or reasonably have been used or exercised hath ratified and confirmed and for himself his Heirs and Successors did accept and approve and all and singular to the said Mayor and Commonalty and to the Citizens of the City of London and their Successors by the said Letters, Patents, did ratify and confirm to have, hold, enjoy and exercise all and singular the said premises to the said Mayor and Commonalty and to the Citizens of the City of London aforesaid and to their Successors for Ever, so fully, clearly, and wholly in as ample manner and forme as if seperately singly, and name by name those said Letters Patents were expressed, named, declared, recited and manifested, as by the said Letters, Patents among other things more fully appear. And that our late Sovereign Ld. King Charles the first by his Letters, Patents under his Great Seale of England bearing date at West. the 18th. day of October in the 14th. year of his Reign, which the said Mayor and Commonalty

consuetudines & Hereditament. quecunque que prædict. Major & Communitas. ac Cives Civitatis. Londoni prædict. vel. Predecessor. sui per nomen Majoris & comunitat. ac Civium Civitatis. London seu per nomen Majoris & Aldermann. Civitatis. London seu per nomen Majoris Civium & Comunitat. Civitatis. London su per nomen Majoris & Civium Civitatis. London seu per nomen Major. & Comunitat. Civitatis. London, seu per nomen Civium Civitatis. London seu per nomen Baron London seu per nomen Baron Civitatis. London seu per aliquod aliud nomen quodcunque ratione seu Pigore aliquar. litterar. patent. Chartar. seu confirmation. aliquor Progenitor. Predecessor. aut Antecessor. ejusdem nuper Regis Jacobi quondam Regium Angl. aliquo tempore vel aliquibus Temporibus habuissent seu rationabiliter. usi fuissent aut exercuissent rata habuit & grata ac pro se Heredibus & Successoribus suis acceptavit & approbavit ac ea omnia & singula præfat. Majori & Comunitat. ac Civibus Civitatis. London prædict. & eor. Successoribus per easdem Litteras suas Patent. Ratificavit & confirmavit habend. & tenend. gaudend. & exercend. omnia & singula præmissa ejusdem Majori & Comunitat. ac Civibus Civitatis. London prædict. & Successoribus suis imperpetuum adeo plene libere & integre ac tam amplis modo & forma & si seperatim & singulatim & nominatim in Litteris Patentibus ill. expressa nominat. declarat. recitat. & manifestat. essent & fuissent prout per easdem Litteras patentes inter alia plenius apparet Quodq; Domini Carolus Primus nuper Rex Angl. &c. per Litteras suas patentes sub magno sigillo suo Angl. sigillat. geren. dat apud Westm. prædict. decimo Octavo die Octobris Anno Regni sui quartsadecimo quas eadem Major & Comunitas ac Cives Civitatis.

Civitat. London hic in cur proferunt omnia & singula privilegia libertat. Franch. quietant. immunitates & liberas Consuetudines quaecumq; que prædict. Major & Comunitat. ac Cives Civitat. London prædict. vel Predecessor. sui per nomen Majoris & Comunitas ac Civium Civitat. Lond. seu per nomen Majoris & Alderman. Civium & Comunitat. London seu per nomen Majoris & Civium Civitat. London seu per nomen Majoris & Communitatis London seu per nomen Civium Civitat. London seu per nomen Baron. London seu per nomen Baron. Civitat. London seu per aliquod aliud nomen quodcumq; ratione seu vigore prædict. litterar. patent. prædicti Domin. Regis Johannis aut aliar. litterar. patent. Chartarum seu confirmation. in eisdem litteris patentibus dicti nuper Regis Caroli primi mentioriat. vel usu vel præscription. aut alio legali modo aliquo tempore vel aliquibus temporibus ante tunc habuissent seu rationabilit. usi. fuissent aut exercuissent rata habem & grata ea pro se Heredibus & Successoribus suis acceptavit & approbavit ac ea omnia & singula præfat. Majori & Communitati ac Civibus Civitat. London & eor. successoribus per easdem litteras suas patentes ratificavit & confirmavit prout per litteras patent illas inter alia plenius apparet Quodque prædictus Domini. Rex nunc per litteras suas patent. sub magno sigillo suo Angl. sigillat geren. dat. apud Westm. prædict. vicesimo quarto die Junii Anno Regni sui decimo quinto quas iidem Major & Comunitas ac Cives Civitat London hic in Cur. proferunt pro ipso Rege Heredibus & successoribus suis ratificavit & confirmavit Majori &

and Cityzens of the City of London brings here in Courts all and singular Priviledges, Liberties, Franchises, Freedoms, Immunities and free-Customs whatsoever, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Cityzens of the City of London or their Predecessors by the name of the Mayor and Commonalty and Cityzens of the City of London, Or by the name of Mayor and Aldermen, Cityzens and Commonalty of London, Or by the name of Mayor and Citizens of the City of London, or by the name of Mayor and Commonalty of London, Or by the name of the Cityzens of the City London, or by the name of Barons of London, or by the name of Barons of the City of London, or by any other name whatsoever by reason or force of the said Letters, Patents, of the said King John or of any other Letters, Patents, Charters, or Confirmations in the said Letters, Patent, of the said late King Charles the first mentioned or in use or by prescription or by any other lawful manner in any time or times before that they have had or reasonably have used or exercised hath adjudged and confirmed the same for himself his Heirs and Successors, and accepted and approved them, all and singular to the said Mayor and Commonalty and Cityzens of the City of London and their Successors by his said Letters, Patents hath ratified and confirmed as by the said Letters, Patents among other things more fully appears, And that our now said Sovereign Lord the King by his Letters, Patents under his Great Seals of England bearing date at Westm. the 24th. day of June in the 15th. year of his Reiga which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Cityzens of the City of London brings here in Court, for himself his Heirs and Successors hath ratified and confirmed to the Mayor and Com-

Commonalty and to the Cityzens of the City of London, and their Successors all and singular the Jurisdctions, Authorities, Priviledges, Liberties Franchises, Feedoms, Immunities, and Customs whatsoever, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Cityzens of the City of London, or their Predecessors, by the name of Mayor and Commonalty and Cityzens of the City of London, or by the name of the Mayor and Alderman Cityzens and Commonalty of London, or by the name of Mayor and Cityzens of the City of London or by the name of the Cityzens of the City of London, or by the name of the Barons of London, or by the name of the Barons of the City of London, or by any other name whatsoever by reason or force of the said Letters, Patents of the said King John, or of any other Letters Patents, Charters, or Confirmations in the said Letters, Patents of our now said Soveragin Lord the King before mentioned, or of any or any use or uses Prescription or Prescriptions, or in any other lawful manner whatsoever in any time or times before that, or reasonably have used or exercised to have, hold, enjoy, and exercise all & singular the Premises aforesaid to the said Mayor and Commonalty & to the Citizens of the City of London & their Successors for ever so fully, freely, & intire, in as ample manner and form as in the said Letters, Patents above is mentioned to be given or granted, or any other use, prescription, or in any other lawful manner or right whatsoever before that respectively had been obtained, or enjoyed as if severally singly, and name by name in and by the said Letters Patents of his now present Majesty were named, declar'd, granted and manifested as by the said Letters Patents among other things morefully appears

Communitati ac Civibus Civitat. London & Successoribus suis omnia & singula Jurisdiction. Autoritat. Privilegia libertates Eranch. quietant immunitates & consuetudin. quecunque que prefat. Major & Communitas ac Crues Civitat. London vel Predecessores sui per Nomen Majoris & Communitatis ac Civium Civitatis London seu per nomen Majoris Alldermannor. Civium & Communitat. London seu per Nomen Majoris & Civium Civitatis London seu per nomen Major & Communitat Civit London seu per nomen Civium Civitatis London seu per nomen Baron. London seu per nomen Baron. Civitat. London seu per aliquod aliud nomen quodcunque ratione vel vigore predict. litterar patent predict. Domini Regis Johannis aut aliorum litterar patent Chartar. seu conformation in eisdem litteris patentibus dicti Domini Regis nunc pramentionat vel alicujus seu aliorum usus vel usum prescription. vel prescription. seu alio legali modo quecunque aliquo tempore vel aliquibus temporibus antetunt seu rationabilit. ut fuissent aut exercuissent habend. tenend. gaudend. & exercend. omnia & singula premissa predict. eisdem Majori & Communitat. ac Civibus Civitat. London predict. & Successoribus suis imperpetun. adeo plene libere & integre ac in tam amplis modo & forma prout, in eisdem litteras patentibus superius mentionant. fore data. sive concessa aut. alit usu prescription vel alio legali modo seu jure quocunque ad tunc respective habit obtent. sive gavisia fuissent ac ei seperatim singulatim & nominatim in & per dictas litteras patentes ipsius Domini Regis nunc express nominat. declarat. concessa & manifesta essent & fuissent prout per easdem litteras patent. (inter alia) plenius apparet &

Et iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat' London ulterius dicunt quod a tempore confectiōis prædict' Litterar' Patent' prædict' quondam Regum Johannis hucusq; iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat' London habuer' Vicecom' Civit' & Com' Civit' London & Vicecom' Comit' Midd' & quolibet anno nominaverunt & elegerunt ex seipsis duas personas Cives Civitat' fore Vicecom' Civitat' prædict' & Com' ejusdem Civitat' & Vicecom' Com' Midd' ac ill' sic nominat' & elect' præfecerunt & constituerunt Vicecom' Civitat' prædict' & Com' ejusdem Civitat' & Vicecom' Com' Midd' ac ut Vicecom' Civitat' prædict' & Com' ejusdem Civitat' ad execut' & retorn' omniu' Breviu' Billar' & Præceptor' Domin' Regis pro administratione & executione Justitiæ in infra Civit' prædict' & Com' ejusdem Civitat' exequend' faciend' quæ ad Officiu' Vicecom' faciend' pertinent' ac ad faciend' & exequend' omnia & singula alia infra Civitat' prædict' & Com' ejusdem Civitat' quæ ad Offic' Vicecom' faciend' pertinent' ac ut Vicecom' Midd' pro eodem Com' deservitur ac omnia Brevia Billas & Præscripta Domin' Regis infra Com' Midd' prædict' pro Administratione & Executione Justitiæ ibidem exequend' & retorn' inde faciend' quæ ad Officiu' Vicecom' faciend' pertinent' Et eo Warranto iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civitat' London per tempus in Informatione prædicta superius specificat' usi fuer' & adhuc utunt' ac clamant habere & uti libertat' Privilegia & Franch' habere

And the said Mayor and Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of London, further say, That from the time of granting the said Letters Patents of the said King *John*, hitherto, they the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, have Sheriff of the City and County of the City of *London*, and Sheriff for the County of *Middlesex*, and in every year have named and elected of themselves two Persons, Citizens of the City, to be Sheriffs of the said City and County of the said City, and Sheriff for the County of *Middlesex*; and those so named and elected, have constituted and made Sheriffs of the said City and County of the said City, and Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex*; And as Sheriffs of the said City and County of the said City, to execute and return all Writs, Bills, and Precepts of our Sovereign Lord the King, for the Administration and Execution of Justice within the said City and County of the said City to be done and performed, which belongs to the Office of Sheriff: And to do and exercise all and singular other things within the said City and County of the said City, which belongs to the Office of Sheriff: And as Sheriff of *Middlesex*, for the said County to serve, and all Writs, Bills, and Precepts of our said Sovereign Lord the King, within the said County of *Middlesex*, for the Administration and Execution of Justice, there to exercise, and make return thereof, which belongs to the Office of Sheriff. And by that Authority the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, during the time in the said Information above-specified, have used, and hitherto do use and claim to have and use the Liberties, Privileges and Franchises, to have

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Sheriffs of the City and County of the City of *London*, and Sheriffs for the County of *Middlesex*, and to name and chuse of themselves two Persons to be Sheriffs of the said City and County of the said City, and Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex*; and those so named and elected, to make and constitute Sheriffs of the said City and County of the said City, and Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex*; and as Sheriffs of the said City and County of the said City, to execute and return all Letters, Bills, and Precepts of our said Lord the King, for the Administration and Execution of Justice, within the said City and County of the said City to be done and performed, as to the Office of Sheriff belongs; and also to do and perform all and singular other things within the said City and County of the said City, which belongs to the Office of Sheriff; and as Sheriff of the County of *Middlesex* to serve for that County, and all Writs, Bills, and Precepts of our said Lord the King, within the said County of *Middlesex*, for the Administration and Execution of Justice there to be performed, and to make return thereof, which belongs to the Office of Sheriff, as to them it shall and may be lawful to do.

Without that, That they the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, of their Liberties, Privileges, and Franchises, upon our said Lord the King, for the time in the said Information specified, have usurped, and do usurp, as by the said Information for our said Sovereign Lord the King it is supposed, and all and singular they the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* are ready to verify; whereof they require Judg-

Vicecom' Civit' & Com' Civit' London & Vicecom' Comitatus Midd' & nominare & elegere ex seipsis duas person' fore Vicecom' Civitatus prædict' & Com' ejusdem Civit' & Vicecom' Midd' ac ill' ac nominat' & elect' præficere & constituere Vicecom' Civit' prædict' & Com' ejusdem Civitatus & Vicecom' Midd' ac ut Vicecom' Civitatus prædict' & Com' ejusdem Civitatus ad execut' & retorn' omni' Litterar' Billar' & Præceptor' Domini Regis pro Administratione & Executione Justitiæ infra Civitatus prædict' & Com' ejusdem Civit' exequenda faciend' quæ ad Officiu' Vicecom' faciend' pertinent ac ad faciend' & exequend' omnia & singula alia infra Civitatus prædict' & Com' ejusdem Civitatus quæ ad Officiu' Vicecom' faciend' pertinent ac ut Vicecom' Midd' pro eodem Com' deservitur ac omnia Brevia Billas & Præcepta Domini Reg' infra Com' Midd' prædict' pro Administratione & Executione Justitiæ ibidem exequenda & retorn' inde faciend' quæ ad Officiu' Vicecom' faciend' pertinent prout eis bene licuit & licet.

Absque hoc quod idem Major & Communit' ac Cives Civitatus London de Libertat' Privilegiis & Franch' ill' super dicta Dom' Regem nunc per tempus prædict' in Informatione prædicta superius specificat' usurpaver' & usurpant' pro ut per Inform' illam pro dicto Domini Rege nunc superius supposuit quæ omnia & singula iidem Major & Communitat' ac Cives Civit' London parati sunt verificare unde petit Judicium

Et quod Libertat' Privileg' & Franch' ill' eis & Successoribus suis in perpetuum deinceps allocent' & adjudicentur ac quod ipsi quoad Præmissa ill' ab hac Cur' dimittantur, &c.

Et iidem Major & Communitas & Cives Civit' London quoad Libertat' Privileg' & Franch' sequen' viz. Major dictæ Civitat' pro huiusmodi Aldermann' ejusdem Civit' qui Officiu' Majoris Civit' illius sustinnet ac inde fuer' dimissi ac tres Senior' Aldermann' Civit' prædict' qui diutius in Officiu' Aldermanat' Civit' prædict' steter' & onus & Officiu' Majorat' Civit' prædict' non sustinnet fore Justic' Dom' Regis ad Pacem infra Civitat' prædict' conservand' ac ad Session' Pacis & Placita Coron' scilicet talia Placit' Coronæ qual' Justic' Domin' Regis ad Pacem Conservand' Assign' legitime tenere possent inf' eandem Civit' tenend' ac ad omnes Felon' Riots Rout' & Conventicul' illicit' infra Civit' prædict' inquirend' audiend' & terminand' in Informatione prædict' superius specificat' dic' quod dict' Domin' Rex nunc ipsos Majorem & Communitat' ac Cives Civitat' London occasione inde impetere seu occasionare non debet quia dicunt quod prædict' Civit' London est & a tempore cujus contrar' memor' homin' non existit fuit antiqua Civitas ac antiquus Comitatus de se ac Cives ejusdem Civit' sunt & a prædicto tempore cujus contrar' memor' homin' non existit fuer' Unu' Corpus corporat' & Politic' in re facto & nomine per nomen Majoris & Communitat' ac Cives Civitat' London. Quodque Domin' Carolus Primus nuper Rex Angl' per Litteras suas Patent' sub Magno Sigillo suo Angl' Sigillat' geren' dat' apud Westm' prædict' Decimo octavo die Octo-

ment, and that their Liberties, Privileges, and Franchises, to them and their Successors, henceforth for ever may be allowed and adjudged: and that they may be dismissed, as also the Premises, from this Court, &c.

And they the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, so as the Liberties, Privileges and Franchises following, to wit, the Mayor of the said City, and such Aldermen who have executed the Office of Mayor, and thereof be dismissed, and that three Senior Aldermen of the said City, who have stood longest in the Office of Aldermen thereof, and have not underwent the Burden and Office of Mayor of the said City, to be Justices of the Peace within the said City, and at the Sessions of the Peace, and Pleas of the Crown, to wit, such Pleas of the Crown as the Justices of our said Lord the King lawfully assigned, to hold within the said City, and all Felonies, Riots, Routes, and unlawful Conventicles in the said City, to inquire, hear and determine, in the said Information mentioned, say, That our said Lord the King them the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, ought not by occasion thereof to impeach or hinder, because they say the said City of London is, and from that time beyond the memory of Man hath been an ancient City or ancient County of themselves, and Citizens of the said City are, and from that time beyond the memory of Man have been one Body Corporate and Politick, in Matter, Fact, and Name, by the Name of Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London. And that the said late King Charles the First, by His Letters Patents under His Great Seal of England, bearing date at Westminster the Eighteenth day

day of *October*, in the Fourteenth Year of His Reign, which the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London* brings here in Court, for Himself, His Heirs and Successors, did grant to the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Successors, That the Mayor and Recorder of the said City for the time being, and the Mayor and Recorder who for the time shall be, and not only those Aldermen who have been before Mayors of the City, but also those Aldermen who hereafter shall bear the Office of Mayor of the said City, altho from the Mayoralty they should depart or be dismissed, but those Aldermen should stand, and the three eldest Aldermen for the time being, who shall be in the Office of Alderman longest, and before that time have not executed the Office of Mayor, shall be for ever hereafter Justices of the Peace, and every of them shall be a Justice of the Peace for our said Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors, within the said City and Liberties thereof. And the said Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen aforesaid, to all and singular the Statutes and Ordinances for the good of the Peace of the King, His Heirs and Successors, and for the Preservation of the same, and for the quiet Rule and Government of His People made and provided, and in all their Articles, not only within the Liberties of the same, but also without the said City, according to the force, form, and effect of the same, made to be observed, and to all those who according to the form and effect of the said Order and Statutes, or any of them, in the said City and Liberties thereof, shall be found Offenders, shall be corrected and punished according to the form

bris Anno Regni sui quarto decimo quas iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit' London hic in Cur' proferunt pro ipso nuper Rege Hered' & Successorib' suis concessit Majori & Communitat' ac Civibus Civit' London & eoru' Successoribus quod Major & Recordat' Civit' prædict' qui tunc fuer' ac Majores & Recordator' Civit' prædict' qui pro tempore fuerent ac tam ill' Aldermann' qui Major' Civitat' illius præantea extitissent quam ill' Aldermann' qui onus & Officiu' Majorat' Civitat' prædict' tunc in posteru' sustinnerent & gererent licet a Majorat' ill' cesserent aut inde essent dimissi quidam Aldermann' ibidem starent & tres Seniores Aldermann' Civit' prædict' per tempus existen' qui diutius in Officiu' Aldermannat' steter' & ante tunc onus & Officiu' Majorat' Civitat' illius non sustinner' imperpetuu' forent Custodes & quilibet eor' esset Custos Pacis ejusdem nuper Regis Hered' & Successor' inf' Civitat' London prædict' & Libertat' ejusdem conservand' & custodiend' ac eosdem Majorem & Recordator' ac Aldermann' prædict' ac omnia & singula Statuta & Ordinationes pro bono Pacis dicti nuper Regis Hered' & Successorib' suor' ac pro conservatione ejusdem ac pro quiet' Regimine & Gubernatione Populi ipsius nuper Regis Hered' & Successor' suor' edit' & edend' & omnib' suis Articulis tam infra Civitat' prædict' quam Libertat' ejusdem juxta vim formam & effectum eorundem Custodiend' & custodire faciend' ac ad omnes illos quos juxta formam & effectum Ordination' & Statutar' eorundem & eoru' alicujus in Civitat' prædict' pro Libertat' ejusdem Delinquentes invenirent castigand' & puniend' prout secundu' formam

Ordination' & Statutor' ill' foret faciend' Et ad omnes illos qui aliqui vel aliquibus de Populo ejusdem nuper Regis Hered' vel Successor' suor' de Corporationibus suis vel de incendio Damm' suar' minas facerent ad sufficient' securitat' de Pace vel Bono gestu suo erga ipsu' nuper Regem Hered' & Successores suos & cunctis Populis ejus Hered' vel Successor' invenirend' Et si hujusmodi securitat' invenire recusarent tunc eos in Gaola ejusdem Domin' Regis de Newgate vel in aliqua al' Prisonsa Hered' vel Successor' suor' in pradiet' Civit' London quousq; hujusmodi securitat' invenirent salvo custodiri faciend' Custodes & Justitiar' ipsius nuper Regis & quemlibet eoru' & Custodem & Justitiar' ejus Hered' & Successor' suor' infra Civit' London pradiet' & Libertat' ejusdem idem nuper Rex Carolus Primus pro se Heredibus & Successoribus suis constituit fecit & Ordinavit per Litteras Patentes suas pradiet' ac ad omnia & singula alia exequend' & peragend' quae Justic' & Custod' Pacis ejus Hered' vel Successor' suor' inf' aliquum Com' Regni sui Angl' exequi sive peragere valerent possent aut deberent virtute aliquor' Statutor' & Ordination' hujus Regni sui Angl' aut vertute Commissionis ejus Hered' & Successor' suor' ad Pacem in aliquo hujusmodi Com' conservand' voluit etiam idem nuper Rex Carolus Primus pro se Heredibus & Successoribus suis concessit praefat' Majori & Communitati ac de Civibus Civitat' London & eoru' Successor' quod Major & Recordator' Civit' pradiet' pro tempore existen' & hujusmodi ut prefert' Aldermann' pro tempore existen' qui Officiu' vel locu' Majorat'

of the Ordinance, and of those Articles to be made: And all those who to any of His Majesties Subjects of their Corporation, who shall be found out in burning their Houses by Threatning, shall find sufficient Security for the Peace, or to his Good Behaviour towards our Sovereign Lord the King, and all his People: and if they shall refuse to find such Security, then them to the Goal of Newgate, or any other of the King's Prisons within the said City of London, untill such Security shall be found, shall be kept in safe Custody; the Keepers and Justices of our Lord the King, and every of them, the Keepers and Justices and their Heirs and Successors, within the said City and Liberties, our late Lord King Charles the First, for himself, his Heirs, and Successors, hath Constituted, made, and Ordained, by His Letters, Patents aforesaid, and to all singular any other to be Executed and Performed, which the Justices and Keepers of the Peace, their Heirs and Successors, within any other County of England they might Lawfully exercise and perform, and as they ought by vertue of any other Statute and Ordinance of this Realm, or by vertue of any Commission of their Heirs, and Successors, the Peace in any such County he is willing to preserve. Also our said Lord King Charles the First, by His said Letters Patents, for Himself, His Heirs and Successors, did grant to the said Mayor and Commonalty, and to the Citizens of the City of London, and their Successors, That the Mayor and Recorder of the said City for the time being, and such Aldermen as aforesaid for the time being, who

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that City before that have executed and performed the same; and such of the three Eldest Aldermen for the time being who the Place of Mayor have not born, or four of them the Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen, of which the said Mayor or Recorder for the time being to be one, shall be Justices of our Lord the King, His Heirs and Successors, and those Justices, their Heirs and Successors, for Himself, His Heirs and Successors, hath assigned for Ever, to inquire as often and when they shall see most expedient, by the Oath of approved and lawful Men, not only of the City aforesaid, but also of the Liberties of the same, by which the very Truth may be the better known of all Murders, Felonies, Sorceries, Inchantments, Whoredom, Magick-Art, Trespasses, Forestallers, Regretters, Ingrossers, and Extortions whatsoever, and all and singular other Misdeeds and Offences, of which the said Justices of the Peace of our said Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, may lawfully be or ought to be inquired, by whomsoever, and what sort soever, within the said City and Liberties thereof, before that time done and perpetrated, or which from thence there shall happen to be done and attempted; and not only of all those that shall in that City and Liberties thereof go to Conventicles, against the Peace of the late King and His Successors, in the disturbance of His People, His Heirs and Successors, or by force should go or ride Armed, or from thence shall presume to ride or go Armed: And also of those which there the People of our said Lord the King or His Successors shall lie in wait to kill, or after shall presume to throw down: Also of Hostilities,

Civit' illius antea sustinner' & exercuer' & tres hujusmodi ut præfert' Seniores Aldermann' pro tempore existen' qui locu' Majorat' prædict' non sustinner' vel quatuor eorundem Major' Recordator' & Aldermannorum quoru' dict' Major & Recordator' pro tempore existen' unu' esse voluit forent Justiciar' ipsius nuper Regis Hered' & Successor' suor' & ipsos Justiciar' suos Hered' & Successor' suor' pro se Heredibus & Successor' suis imperpetuū assignavit ad inquirend' quotiens & quando eis melius videret' expedire per Sacramentu' probor' & legalu' homin' tam de Civitat' prædict' quam de Libertat' ejusdem per quos rei veritas melius sciri posset de omnibus Murdris Felon' Veneficiis Incantation' Scortileg' Arte Magicie Transgr' Forestallar' Regretar' Ingrossar' & Extortionibus quibuscunque ac de omnibus & singulis al' Malefactis & Offens' de quibus Justiciar' Pacis ipsius nuper Regis Hered' & Successor' suor' legitime inquirere possent aut deberent per quoscunq; & qualitercunq; infra Civit' præd' seu Libertat' ejusdem antetunc habit' seu perpetrat' vel quæ extunc ibidem fieri vel attemptari contingerent & tam de omnibus ill' qui in Civitat' prædict' & Libertat' ejusd' in Conventiculis contra Pacem ipsius nuper Regis Hered' & Successor' suor' in perturbatione Populi sui Hered' & Successor' suor' seu vi armata irent vel equitarent seu extunc ire vel equitare presumerent. Et etiam de hiis quæ ibidem ad gentem dict' Dom' Regis Hered' vel Successor' suor' machin' vel interficiend' in Incidiis jacerent vel impostura' jacere præsumerent. Ac etiam de

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Hostillar' & al' omnibus & singulis person' qui in abusu mensurar' & ponderu' sive in venditione Victual' contra formam Ordination' & Statut' vel eoru' alicujus inde Communi Utilitate Regni sui Angl' & Populi ejusdem nuper Regis Hered' & Successor' suor' ejusdem edit' & edend' delinquerent vel attempterent & in Civit' prædict' & Libertat' ejusdem seu extunc imposteru' delinquere vel attemptare presumerent. Ac etiam de quibuscunq; Vicecom' Constabular' Custod' Gaole & al' Offic' qui non execut' Officiu' suor' circa premissor' vel eor' aliqua indebere se habuer' aut imposteru' indebere se habuere presumerent aut tepidi premiss' vel negligentes fuer' aut extunc tepidi premiss' vel negligent' fore contingerent infra Civit' prædict' & Libertat' ejusdem ac de omnibus & singulis Articulis & Circumstant' & al' quibuscunq; per quoscunq; & qualitercunq; in Civit' prædict' & Libertat' ejusdem fact' sive perpetrat' & quæ extunc ibidem fieri vel attemptarit contingerent qualitercunq; premiss' aut eor' aliqua concernen' Et ad Indictament' quecunq; quæ coram Majore aut Recordatore Civit' prædict' pro tempore existen' & hujusmodi ut presert' Aldermann' vel quatuor aut pluribus eorundem quor' dict' Major vel Recordator' pro tempore existen' unu' esse voluit tunc imposteru' caperent' inspiciend' & ad process' inde pres' omnes & singul' sic indictat' vel quos imposteru' ac indictat' contingerent quousque caperent' redderent se vel

and all and singular Persons who in abuse of the Weights and Measures, or in selling Victuals contrary to the form of the Ordinance and Statute, or any of them, whereof the Common Advantage of this Realm, and of the People of the late King, His Heirs and Successors, made and provided, shall offend, or attempt, in the said City and Liberties thereof, or from thenceforth shall presume to attempt or offend: And also of Sheriffs, Constables, Keepers of Gaols, and all other Officers, who in the Execution of their Office about the Premisses, or any of them, where they ought not to have them, or hereafter shall presume to have them where he ought not, or carry himself remiss and negligent, or from thence shall happen to be remiss or negligent, within the said City and Liberties thereof: And of all and singular the Articles, Circumstances, and others whatsoever, by whomsoever, and of what quality soever, in the said City or Liberties thereof, shall be done or committed, and which from thenceforth shall happen to be done by any whatsoever, in the Premisses, or concerning any of them: And to what Indictment soever, which before the Mayor or Recorder of the said City for the time being, and such of the said Aldermen, or any four or more of them, whereof the said Mayor or Recorder for the time being shall be one, then afterwards shall be taken and inspected, and Process thereof made; to all and singular that are Indicted, or shall happen to be Indicted, until they shall be taken or restore themselves, or shall be outlawed

or restore themselves, or shall be out-lawed, and in making and continuing, and to all and singular Murders, Felonies, Sorceries, Incantments, Whoredom, Magick-Art, also false Conspiracies, and other Misdeeds, Forestallers, Regretters, Ingrossers, Extortioners, Conventicles, Indictments, aforesaid; and all and singular other the Premises, according to the Laws and Statutes of this Realm of *England*, as in such-like Cases have used to be done or ought to hear and determine: And the Offenders, and such of them, for their Duties by Fines, Redemptions, Amercements, Forfeitures, and other manner according to the Laws and Customs of this Realm, and Form of the Ordinances and Statutes of the same have been accustomed to be done, or ought to be corrected and punished, and all and singular others to do, perform, hear, determine, and execute within the said City and Liberties thereof, which Justices of the Peace by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, to do, exercise, and inquire, or may be Executed and of Force, and in as ample manner and Form, for any one, or to any one Justice of the Peace in any other County of this Realm, lawfully to do, exercise, inquire, punish; or in any other manner may be exercised or of Force, as by the said Letters Patents, among other things, more fully appears. And that our said Lord the King that now is, by his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, bearing Date at *Westminster* aforesaid, the 24th. Day of *June*, in the Fifteenth Year of his Reign, which the Mayor and Commonality and Citizens of the City of *London* here brings

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in Court all Grants and other, whatsoever in the said Letters Patent of King *Charles* the First above specified, for the said King His Heirs and Successors, to the Mayor and Commonalty, and to the Citizens of the City of *London*, and their Successors for ever, did ratifie and confirm, as by the said Letters Patents among other things may appear. And they the said Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London*, further say, that in the time of making the said Letters of the said King *Charles* the First, and whilst before that, and from that, have hitherto been, and still are Mayor and Recorder of the said City, and Aldermen of the said City, who have not been Mayor, and sustained the burden of that Office; and three and more Aldermen of the said City, who have not underwent the burden of Mayor thereof: And from that time of the making of the said Letters Patents, of the said King *Charles* the First, hitherto the Mayor and Recorder of the said City for the time being, and such Aldermen for the time being as have not been Mayor of the said City, also three of the Eldest Aldermen for the time being, who shall be longest in that Office of Alderman, and hath not been Mayor of the said City, nor by vertue of the said Letters Patents, have been Justice of the Peace within the said City or Liberties thereof, or by vertue of the said Letters Patents, and according to the Form and Effect of the same, of the time, in the time, by the whole time, they have holden Sessions of the Peace, and Pleas of the Crown, (to wit) such Pleas of the Crown as such Justices of our said Lord the King Assigned

in Cur' proferunt omnes Concession' & al' quaecunque in predictis Litteris Patent' predictis nuper Regis Caroli Primi Superius specificat' pro eodem Domin' Regis nunc Hered' & Successor' suis Majori & Communitat' ac Civibus Civit' London' predict' & eorum Successor' in perpetuum ratificavit & confirmavit prout per easdem Litteras Patent' ipsius Domin' Regis nunc inter al' plenius apparet & iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit' London' Ulterius dicunt quod tempore consecution' predict' Litterar' Patent' predict' nuper Regis Caroli Primi & dum antea & extunc hucusque fuer' & adhuc existunt Major' & Recordator' Civit' predict' ac Alderman' ejusdem Civit' qui Major dicte Civit' existissent & onus Majorat' Civit' illius sustin' ac tres & plures Alderman' ejusdem Civit' qui onus Majorat' Civit' ill' non sustinuisent Quodque a tempore consecution' eorundem Litterar' Patent' predict' nuper Regis Caroli Primi hucusque Major & Recordator Civit' predict' pro tempore existend ac hujusmodi Alderman' ejusdem Civit' pro tempore existen' qui onus Majorat' Civit' ill' sustin' Necnon tres Senior' Alderman' Civit' predict' pro tempore existen' qui diutius in Officiu' Aldermannat' Civit' predict' steter' & onus & Officiu' Majorat' Civit' ill' non sustin' virtute Litterar' Patent' ill' fuer' Justic' ad pacem infra Civit' predict' & libertat' ejusdem conservand' ac virtute Litterar' Patent' ill' & secundum formam & effectum eorundem de tempore in tempus per tot' tempus ill' tener' Session' pacis & placita coron' scilicet talia placita coron' qual' Justic' Domin' Regis ad pacem conservand'

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to keep by the same time lawfully have held or may hold within the said City.

And by that Authority the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London by the time in the Information above-specified, have been used or hitherto use and claim to have and use the Liberties, Privileges, and Franchises that the said Mayor of the said City, and such of the Aldermen of the said City who have not been Mayor thereof, or have been dismissed, or three eldest Aldermen of the said City, who have been longest Aldermen thereof, or executed the Office of Mayor, have been Justices of the Peace of our said Lord the King, to preserve the Peace within the said City, and to the Sessions of the Peace, and Pleas of the Crown, to wit, such Pleas of the Crown as Justices of our said Lord the King lawfully assigned may hold within the said City, and to all Felonies, Riots, Routs, and unlawful Conventicles within the said City, to inquire, to hear and determine, as to them may seem lawful, or be lawful.

Without that, the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London, of their Liberties, Privileges, and Franchises, upon our said Sovereign Lord the King that now is, by the time in the Information above-specified, have usurped, or do usurp, as by the Information for our Lord the King above-mentioned it is supposed, which all and singular the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London are ready to verifie; whereof they pray Judgment, and that their Liberties, Privileges, and Franchises, to them and their Heirs, for ever hereafter, may be allowed and adjudged: and

assign' per idem tempus legitime tener' vel tenere potueri inf' eandem Civitat'.

Et eo Warranto iidem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit' London per tempus in Informatione præd' superius specificat' usi fuer' & adhuc utuntur ac clamant habere & uti Libertat' Privileg' & Franch' quod Major dict' Civit' & hujusmodi Aldermann' ejusdem Civit' qui onus Majorat' Civit' ill' sustinner' ac inde fuerunt dimissi ac tres seniores Aldermann' ejusdem Civit' qui diutius Offic' Aldermannat' Civit' prædict' steter' & onus & Officiu' Majorat' Civit' ill' non sustuler' fuer' Justic' Domin' Regis ad Pacem infra Civit' prædict' conservand' ac ad Session' Pacis & Placita Coronæ (scilicet) talia Placita Coron' qual' Justic' Domin' Regis ad Pacem conservand' assign' legitime tenere possent infra eand' Civit' tenend' ac ad omnes Felon' Riot' Rout' & Conventicul' illicit' infra Civit' præd' inquirend' audiend' & terminand' prout eis bene licuit & licet.

Absque hoc quod idem Major & Communitas ac Cives Civit' London de Libertat' Privileg' & Franchis ill' super dictum Domin' Regem nunc per tempus præd' in Informatione præd' superius specificat' usurpaver' seu usurpant pro ut per Inform' illam pro dicto Dom' Rege nunc superius supponit' Quæ omn' & singula iidem Major & Communitas & Cives Civit' London perati sunt verificare unde petunt Judicium & quod Libertat' Privileg' & Franch' illis eis & Successoribus suis in perpetuum deinceps allocentur & adjudicent' ac

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quod ipsi quoad premissa illi ab hac Curia dimittantur, &c.

Et quoad residu' Libertat' Privileg' & Franchisa in Information' prædicta specificat' per ipsum Majorem & Communitat' ac Cives Civitat' London supermo nomine clamat iidem Major & Communit' ac Cives Civit' London Libertat' Privileg' & Franchisa illis nunquam usi fuerunt seu utuntur sed de eisdem penitus declamans, &c.,

that they, as also the Premities, may be dismissed from this Court, &c.

And as to the residue of the Liberties, Privileges, and Franchises in the said Information specified, by them the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City of London above-specified not claimed, they the said Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London those Liberties, Privileges and Franchises were never used, or do use, but the same do utterly disclaim.

FINIS.

The Courteous Reader is desired to pardon the small Faults of the Press.